

locked end position and wherein the first locking element (25) is standing in positive overlap relative to the first catch (14) and to the second catch (17) in a released end position and wherein the first locking element (25) is rotatable relative to the first catch (14) and to the second catch (17) over a limited angle region in the released end position.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 17 continue to be in the case. Claim 13 is being amended.

The Office Action of July 26, 2004 refers to the Drawings.

2. The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference character(s) mentioned in the description: straight continuous stabilizer 30. Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The present amendment includes a revised Fig. 2 showing the reference numeral 30. The expression "straight continuous stabilizer" describes a state or status of the stabilizer 3, wherein the stabilizer parts 4,5 are coupled to one another by means of the clutch 7 in the "locked end position".

The Office Action refers to the Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains legal phraseology, including the term "said". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

A revised ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is attached to the present amendment.

4. The disclosure stands objected to because it does not contain headings. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.)

or REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a).

"Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)

(e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION. (1) Field of the Invention.

(2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

(f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

(g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).

(h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.

(i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).

(j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).

(k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821 (a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

The present amendment inserts section headings into the specification.

The Office Action refers to Claim Objections.

5. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-13, and 17 stand objected to because of several formalities.

The examiner has included a copy of the claims that is marked-up with red ink in order to help the applicant in amending the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Applicants are inserting changes into the claims as kindly proposed by the Examiner.

The Office Action refers to Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112.

7. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Specifically, the "stop face element" was not included in the drawings or specification, as originally filed.

The objectionable language of claim 13 has been substituted by language from the specification, page 10, last line. A revised Fig. 2 is attached showing and designating the stroke limitation 31.

The Office Action refers to Allowable Subject Matter.

8. Claims 1-12 and 14-17 are allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable claims 1 to 12 and 14 to 17.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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